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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment, which is based on the amendments, filed with the International Bureau and in response to the Written Opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority dated June 8, 2005, a copy of which is enclosed herewith:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.